

UNION MEN AND LIQUOR QUESTION

Possibility that Relations of Labor to Saloons May Be Discussed in Convention.

TEMPERANCE MEETING SUNDAY

Rev. Mr. Stelze, John Mitchell and John B. Lennon to Talk.

GOMPERS WOULD AVOID DEBATE

Preacher-Delegate and Head of Bartenders' Union Confer.

LATTER OUTLINES HIS PLANS

Says He Will Attempt to Get Unions to Stop Holding Meetings in the Back Rooms of Saloons.

TORONTO, Nov. 12.—During the five days the American Federation of Labor has been in session there has been much suppressed speculation as to the attitude the convention might take on the question of labor and the saloon.

When it was announced early in the week that a temperance mass meeting would be held Sunday, under the auspices of the labor department of the Presbyterian church, the delegates representing the International Union of the United Brewery Workers, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' international alliance and the Bartenders' international League of America began to canvass the situation quietly as to whether the liquor question was likely to reach the floor of the convention.

Rev. Charles Stelze, a fraternal delegate from the federal council of the Church of Christ in America, and a warm advocate of the principles of temperance, has been advocating the establishment of a temperance brotherhood among the trades unions and will preside at Sunday's meeting.

In the event of an attack by resolution or otherwise in the convention, the representatives of the liquor interests count on the support of the Cigar-makers' international Union of America, in whose delegation is Samuel Gompers, president of the federation.

Edward Hirsch, president of the Baltimore Federation of Labor, also is credited with being an opponent of the Stelze program.

Stelze and Sullivan.

It is understood, however, that President Gompers is anxious to avoid a debate on the liquor question on the floor of the convention, and he was instrumental in bringing about a meeting between Jerry Sullivan, representing the Bartenders' union, and Mr. Stelze. They had a talk during which Mr. Stelze gave Mr. Sullivan to understand that his plans to present a resolution attempting to get trades unions to stop holding meetings in the back rooms of saloons.

President Gompers, it is said, has agreed to lend his support to a resolution endorsing the erection of labor temples and other places for holding labor union meetings.

Sunday's meeting will be addressed by Rev. Mr. Stelze, John Mitchell and John B. Lennon, treasurer of the federation. Mr. Lennon is understood to take the attitude that the use of liquor by workmen affects the rate of wages because it lowers the degree of efficiency of the men, and Mr. Mitchell will discuss the contention that increased wages and shorter hours mean added profits to the saloons.

Gompers on Contempt Case.

Committee meetings occupied the majority of the delegates during the greater part of the day following a brief session of the convention this morning at which President Gompers was called upon by one of the delegates to discuss the status of the present contempt proceedings as a result of which Mr. Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison may have to serve terms in jail.

Mr. Gompers said the question of an appeal and the line of defense will be discussed at a conference between the defendants and their counsel to be held soon after the convention adjourns. This conference in all probability will take place in New York on November 12.

Mr. Gompers declared that Justice Wright was guilty of "outrageous conduct" in so cruelly exhorting the honest conduct of the three citizens who undertook to test the law and in imposing unusual sentences.

Mr. Gompers said there were three ways in which the case could reach the supreme court of the United States, by writ of error, by writ of certiorari or by writ of habeas corpus after the defendants had been placed in jail.

"Either we have the right of free speech and free press or we have not," said Mr. Gompers, "and we want the court to say so. Whether we will go to jail I do not know. I have an abiding faith in the justice of our cause, and I can only express the hope that the higher courts of our land will immortalize themselves by the reincarnation of the magna charter and the constitution of the United States."

An appeal for moral and financial assistance from the striking garment workers in St. Louis was read and deferred, several resolutions were presented, and at 10:40 o'clock the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

Japanese in Kansas City

Commission Inspects Packing Plants and Factories and Will Leave for Omaha Tonight.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 12.—The honorary commercial commission from Japan spent today in Kansas City. Following a drive over the city as the guests of the Commercial club, the visitors inspected a packing house and several factories in the west houses. They also visited the Westport High school, where Baron Nambu Kanda delivered a short address.

Mrs. E. M. Clendenen, wife of the secretary of the Commercial club, entertained the women of the party at the Country club and later they attended a party at the home of Mrs. Nelson.

Crazy Man Tries to Wreck Trains Because of Speed

Herman Huebner, Recently Released from Iowa Asylum, Caught Near Gibbon.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Nov. 12.—(Special Telegram.)

The heads of the operating department of the Union Pacific for the Grand Island-North Platte division, are again resting easier. For three days there has been unusual anxiety because of evidence of an attempt to wreck trains between this city and Kearney.

The first evidence was found a mile and a half east of Alda, when several bolts and spikes were fastened on the track in such a manner that the rail would have spread if, indeed, the engine of a fast moving train were not thrown from the track. The track maintainers discovered the obstruction and removed it.

Later, another attempt was discovered, and the theory at first adopted that it was the work of unthinking school children was dropped. "Traces of a strange man were found, and after a three days' search the man was picked up near Gibbon. He was Herman Huebner, a man recently released from an asylum in Iowa, and who escaped from relatives while they were passing through Grand Island on the train.

After the first attempt he started south to the river, wandered through the brush to Gibbon, exposed to the weather night and day, and there reappeared. By this time the section men were posted all along the line and today when he reappeared, he was taken into custody. He stated that the Union Pacific was running its trains too fast and he intended to wreck a few to demonstrate the unsafe condition in which the passengers were.

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Heavy Snow Covers West

Six Inches Reported at Some Points in Mountain States—Nebraska Also Visited.

DENVER, Nov. 12.—A heavy, wet snow is falling today over Colorado, southeastern Wyoming, southern Utah and northern New Mexico and Arizona. Pueblo and Colorado Springs report six inches of snow.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Nov. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Dawson county was visited by a heavy snowfall, which began during the forenoon. Six inches fell by evening. This is the first moisture for three months and will insure a crop of winter wheat.

BEATRICE, Neb., Nov. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A cold rain has been falling here most of the day. The moisture will be beneficial to winter wheat. The temperature is falling this evening.

For some time yesterday afternoon it looked as though winter had set in for real earnest in Omaha, there being quite a fall of snow, which soon turned to a steady rain. At 7 o'clock the weather bureau had recorded .43 of an inch. The snow was no the first of the season, a trace being recorded on October 11, but by no means so heavy as that of yesterday.

At the weather bureau last night it was stated that a storm of no small proportions was coming from the southwest, was about centered over this locality. Snow flurries were predicted before morning.

Warriner Wreck in Bodily Health

Big Four Defaulter in Serious Condition as a Result of the Exposure.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 12.—Broken in health and spirits, and almost a physical wreck, in the condition of Charles L. Warriner, deposited local treasurer, charged with the shortage of \$64,000 in his accounts with the Big Four railroad, according to the statement of friends.

At the offices of the Big Four railroad the belief was expressed that there would be no more important developments in the case, so far as the Cincinnati officials were concerned, and that its sequel will come from the general offices of the New York Central system in New York.

INCREASING SUPPLY OF WHEAT

Amount Harvested in Six Countries Grows Fully One-Sixth.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—There has been an increase of nearly 200,000,000 bushels, or fully one-sixth, in the production of wheat recently harvested in six countries in the northern hemisphere, which in 1908 produced practically two-thirds of the world's supply.

The figures are gathered from the latest estimate published by the production for each country.

Plans for decorating various public buildings of the city in honor of the Japanese commissioners has occasioned a lively scramble for facts as to the proper method of floating the flags of the two nations.

"Shall the Stars and Stripes be hoisted above the colors of Japan, or whether the nobler to float the foreign ensign above the flag of the United States army as a mark of courtesy to the imperial visitors," is the question.

Telephone wires to Fort Crook to old Fort Omaha and the headquarters of the Department of the Missouri have been kept hot with queries regarding army etiquette in the matter. General Charles Morton, commander of the Department of the Missouri; Colonel Cornelius Gardner, in command at Fort Crook, and Colonel W. A. Glasford, in command of the signal corps at Fort Omaha, have been besieged with requests for information. In all cases their answer is as follows:

"There is no army regulation about the matter, but custom prevails. The flag of the United States is never lowered. No foreign flag shall be hoisted above the national ensign. As a matter of respect to the Japanese visitors it is a matter of army etiquette to float the colors of the two nations at the same level and this custom

SUGAR OFFICIAL UNDER ARREST

James F. Bendernagel, Former Head of Largest Trust Plant, Charged with Fraud.

RESIGNED THURSDAY NIGHT

He is Accused of Complicity in Short Weight Conspiracy.

GIVES CASH BOND OF \$5,000

Produces the Necessary Amount from Roll in Vest Pocket.

FIRST BIG FISH IN THE NET

Five Other Members of the So-Called "Big Six" Are Named in the Indictment, Which is Based on One Shipment.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—After months of quiet work behind the scenes by the government investigators, who have been scrutinizing the ins and outs of the complicated sugar import frauds, there came suddenly today the indictment and arrest of an important former officer of the American Sugar Refining company charged with conspiracy to defraud the government by false weighing of sugar. The man arrested is James F. Bendernagel, for more than thirty years superintendent of the Havemeyer & Elder refinery in Williamsburg, the largest plant of the American Sugar Refining company. It was regarded as significant that Bendernagel's resignation from this responsible position was announced by the company only yesterday. He was arrested this afternoon.

When arraigned before United States Commissioner Benedict and asked to give \$5,000 bail for his appearance at an examination set for next Monday, he produced a roll of bills from a waistcoat pocket and continued out the required amount in cash.

The indictment returned against Bendernagel is of the blanket variety, including in its terms also the so-called "Big Six"—Oliver Spitzer, Thomas Kehoe, Edward A. Boyle, Jean M. Voelker, John R. Coyle and Patrick J. Hennessey, all of whom have been previously indicted on similar charges. The six were Bendernagel's associates in the capacity of agents and boss weighers at the Williamsburg plant.

The specific charges against Bendernagel are that he defrauded the government out of duty to the amount of \$1,804 in connection with the false entry of the 9,000,000-pound sugar cargo of the steamer Eva, which arrived from Cuba on August 24, 1907. A little more than 100,000 pounds was clipped off the real weight of the cargo when the customs charges were computed, according to the indictment.

At one point the indictment refers to the old charges made against four members of the "Big Six," alleging the use of fraudulent devices on the scales used at the docks to short weigh sugar for the purpose of avoiding customs charges. It was in connection with these charges that the government last spring recovered \$215,000 in duties and penalties.

LIVE STOCK MEN IN CHICAGO

Dr. A. T. Peters of Lincoln One of Speakers at National Convention.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The National Association of Live Stock Men, Breeder and Raisers will hold its annual convention December 2, in the hall over the Drovers' Deposit National bank, stock yards, Chicago. The subject of appointing a strong committee to go before congress and urge a liberal appropriation for the Department of Agriculture bureau of animal industry, for the purpose of preventing and eradicating tuberculosis, hog cholera and plague, anthrax, sheep scabies, ticks, etc., will be agitated. It will also recommend proper reimbursement to the breeder and raiser for losses sustained by condemnation. Dr. M. W. Rayner, Wisconsin university, will speak on "Tuberculosis"; Dr. A. T. Peters, Nebraska university, "Hog Cholera and Plague"; Prof. E. S. Good, Kentucky Experiment station, "Sheep Scabies and Anthrax"; Hon. W. C. Gilmer, Eminence, Ky., "Catle Ticks." Other prominent speakers will address the convention.

TEN ALLEGED GAMBLERS FINED

Young Men of Prominent Madrid, In Families Caught in Raid.

BOONE, Ia., Nov. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Ten young men of prominent Madrid families, John Kennedy, Fred Cummings, Nathan Powell, Mennies Olson, Isaac Hoop, Albert Olson, Arthur Morrell, Ernest Anderson, were fined by Mayor Lawbaugh for gambling, being found in an alleged gambling joint, John Johnson, owner of the building, was also fined the charge of maintaining a gambling house. The defendants will appeal case to district court.

Woman to Address Jury

Throughout the day Mrs. Steinheil seemed terribly depressed. Not once did she interrupt the proceedings, though frequently she clinched her fists and showed signs of anger when the prosecutor made particularly odious insinuations against her. It is understood that at the conclusion of M. Aubin's address Mrs. Steinheil intends to take advantage of the privilege accorded an accused person and address the jury in her own behalf. This would make a dramatic climax and it is expected that the jurors are not confined, but are permitted to return to their homes at night, where they are subjected to the possible influence of their wives. It is notorious that whereas a majority of the men favor the acquittal of Mrs. Steinheil, the women are practically unanimous in the belief that she is guilty.

Mrs. Steinheil is being deluged with letters of every character, many of them containing offers of marriage if she is acquitted. Enterprising theatrical managers are trying to arrange for her immediate appearance on the stage after release, one having offered \$2,000 for thirty appearances. Mrs. Steinheil is represented as having thrown these letters away in a rage.



From the Denver Post.

NEITHER PITY NOR MERCY

Prosecutor Paints Mme. Steinheil in Blackest of Colors.

M. AUBIN WILL REPLY TODAY

Probability that Defendant Will Make Address to Jury—Several Weak Points in State's Case.

PARIS, Nov. 12.—The entire session of the Steinhil murder case today was taken up with an impassioned plea by Judge Advocate General Trouard Riolle for the conviction of the woman who is charged with having killed her husband and her stepmother, and by reason of the fact that Mme. Steinheil's counsel, M. Aubin, is yet to be heard, doubt has arisen whether the fate of the woman will be given into the hands of the jury tomorrow.

The prosecutor showed neither pity nor mercy in his address to the jury. He painted the accused woman in the blackest of colors—as the most wicked type of woman, a born liar and as one whose whole life, before and after the crime, justified the presumption of her guilt. He developed the theory that after the rich and generous lover, Chouard, abandoned her in 1907, Mme. Steinheil realized she was almost at the end of her tether, and said when she got Maurice Borel in her clutches she was determined to hold him, even at the price of murder.

Say Burglars Are Myths.

Against Mme. Steinheil's story that burglars had committed the crime, the prosecutor insisted that they were myths, and he undertook to reconstruct the scene that actually happened, claiming that while the woman and her accomplices were tying Mme. Japy, M. Steinheil was aroused by the noise and jumped out of bed. Thereupon they attacked and killed him, and returning to Mme. Japy's room found her in a bad plight.

M. Trouard Riolle even undertook to account for the stopping of the clock in the Steinhil home after the murder, advancing the theory that Mme. Steinheil, in her anguish, had ended the ticking. An expert testified during the trial that the clock had been stopped by hand as it was being wound up.

The argument of M. Trouard Riolle left the impression that the testimony upon which it was based was too conflicting and that his fine-spun presumptions were too precise, leaving him vulnerable to the argument of M. Aubin. The latter scored heavily at the conclusion of the prosecutor's address when he challenged M. Trouard Riolle to name Marfetta Wolf, the cook in the Steinhil home, and her son, Alexandre, who throughout the argument M. Trouard Riolle had hinted at as being the accomplices of Mme. Steinheil.

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Janitor of Bank Under Arrest for Aiding Robber

Negro Chauffeur Shot by New Albany Bandit Is Not Expected to Live.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Nov. 12.—The janitor of the Merchants National bank was arrested today pending an investigation into his reported complicity with Thomas Jefferson Hall, in an attempt to rob the bank and the shooting of Cashier Fawcett, President Woodward and James Tucker, a chauffeur yesterday.

The condition of John K. Woodward, president of the Merchants National bank of New Albany, and James Tucker, the negro chauffeur, who were wounded yesterday by Hall, the boy bandit of Louisville, in the latter's sensational attempt to rob the bank, was practically unchanged today. President Woodward is in serious condition. The negro is not expected to live.

Hall, the bandit, who was arrested later for the murder of J. Hangary Fawcett, the cashier of the bank, takes his arrest coolly. His stepmother, who visited him early today, was asked what sort of novels the boy read.

"Oh, I don't know their names," was the reply, "but he always kept three or four new ones in his house. As fast as one was read, he would trade it for another. He was never without them."

The boy's father says the lad is not insane. "He is just mean."

NATIONAL GRANGE OPPOSES CENTRAL BANK

Resolutions Passed at Des Moines Meeting Declare Idea Dangerous and Condemn It.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Nov. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—At the meeting of the National Grange today resolutions were passed condemning the idea of a central bank as a revival of a dangerous proposition which once raised its head, but was killed by the veto of a brave president. As representing 1,000,000 people, the Grange resolutions unalterably oppose the idea.

Ell Hardin, ex-chief of detectives of Iowa, who is under sentence to the penitentiary for spiriting away witnesses wanted in a suit here, may be pardoned by Governor Carroll, on condition that Hardin never return to Iowa. If he should return he will be sent to the penitentiary. Hardin is now working in a wholesale fruit house in California.

HOGS UP THIRTY PER CENT

This Is Average Advance Over One Year Ago, Says Department.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—A 30 per cent increase in the price of hogs at western markets over a year ago is the average reported by the Department of Agriculture as prevailing on or about November 1. Cattle were approximately 18 per cent higher.

Move for Deep Waterways Makes Demand for Engineers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—With the increase of interest in the improvement of waterways and the construction of the Panama canal claiming 7 per cent of his officers, General Marshall, chief of engineers of the United States army, has begun a campaign for an increase in the number of officers in the corps of engineers. Instead of 158 officers he says there should be at least 24 with its present enlistment. Should the enlistment be increased as recommended still larger number of officers will be needed.

An increase in the number of noncommissioned officers was recommended. The establishment of a grade in the corps to be known as "military overseer" or "technical specialist," was recommended. These men would be assigned to work requiring special skill in the various companies, and to each season fort, as foreman of engineer construction and working parties.

Estimates for river and harbor improvement during the coming fiscal year amounting to \$7,000,000 and not including over \$6,000,000 for continuing contracts, were included in the report.

JAPANESE ARE OMAHA'S GUESTS

Gates of City Swing Wide Today to Welcome Notables from Far East.

ROYAL GREETING IS ASSURED

Special Train is Due from Kansas City at 7:50 O'clock.

MANY FEATURES ARE ARRANGED

Party Will Be Met by Reception Committee at Burlington Station.

DAY WILL BE UNUSUALLY BUSY

Party Will See City from Automobiles and Will View McKee's Motor Shops—Banquet in Evening at Commercial Club.

Omaha today swings wide its gates to the honorary commercial commissioners of Japan. A special train of nine Pullmans will steam into the Burlington station at 7:50 o'clock this morning and from that hour until early Sunday morning, when the palatial train leaves for Denver, no atom will be left unturned to entertain the distinguished visitors from beyond the seas.

High officials of the state and of the city, members of the Commercial club and society women of Omaha will join in extending to the noted Japanese a hearty welcome and a day's entertainment has been planned that will keep the visitors busy during their stay in the city.

An informal reception will be held at the Burlington station at 7 o'clock shortly after the arrival of the special from Kansas City. Governor A. C. Shallenberger will welcome the visitors on behalf of the state of Nebraska and Mayor J. C. Dahlman will voice the greetings of Omaha. Colonel W. F. Cody will be one of the visitors in the city to join in the welcome.

Throughout the day and evening a varied program has been arranged. The women in the party will be entertained in various ways. Prominent society women have offered forces and they will be assisted by Mrs. A. C. Shallenberger, wife of Governor Shallenberger, and Mrs. W. J. Bryan of Lincoln.

At noon they will have luncheon at the home of Mrs. C. N. Dietz and during the afternoon they will visit the homes of J. H. Millard, L. L. Kountze and later at the home of George A. Joslyn, where they will have dinner. After dinner they will be entertained at dinner, after which the women will witness the show at the Orpheum from boxes.

Following the reception at the station the following program has been announced for the day's entertainment by the Omaha Commercial club.

9:30 A. M.—Take McKee motor cars for visit to and inspection of Union Pacific shops and McKee Motor car works. Inspection of electric control and traction electrical storage battery truck at 11:30 o'clock. Car started, operated and stopped at a distance by a wireless system. Leave shops at 12 o'clock for Florence.

12:30 P. M.—Lunch at the Commercial club and pumping station of the Omaha Water Works company. Luncheon will be served in the pumping station. Leave water works at 1 o'clock. Leave water works at 1:15 o'clock. On way back will be seen a demonstration by J. P. Stronach of his dirt moving machinery in operation.

3:45 P. M.—Visit to Lane cut-off, thence through stock yards and packing house district, South Omaha, and back to Union Pacific shops, Omaha, arriving there at 5:30 o'clock.

5:30 P. M.—Automobiles will be at Union depot to take the Japanese commissioners around the city. Run will take in wholesale, retail and residence portions, boulevards and parks. Visit Linsinger's gallery. Eighteenth and Davenport streets enroute, and reach residence of George A. Joslyn, Thirty-ninth and Davenport streets, at 6:30 o'clock for a brief musicale. Return again at 8:30 o'clock.

Banquet at Commercial Club.

Automobiles will be at the Union station at 6 o'clock, where the train will then be standing ready for the trip westward over the Union Pacific to carry the party up town. A formal reception will be tendered in the Commercial club rooms at 6:30 o'clock, and at 7 o'clock the formal banquet will be served. This will end the day's festivities.

A special edition of the beautiful Omaha booklet, with special cover for the occasion, has been printed, and one will be given to each visitor at the club rooms. The key to the city will also be presented to each, the "silver keys" with Omaha in ceroll. The menu card at the banquet in the evening will also be a handsome souvenir of the visit to the Gate City. In addition to these, each visitor will be handed a package of postal cards of Omaha, including one with a portrait of W. J. Bryan, and another of his home at Lincoln.

The two speakers of the evening at the banquet Saturday night at the Commercial club rooms will be W. J. Bryan and P. L. Haller, president-elect of the University of Nebraska. Assisting in the reception of the noted visitors will be Governor Shallenberger.

Dr. Frederick H. Millener has his big truck at the Union Pacific shops all ready to demonstrate the use of wireless electricity in handling power from a distance. As the Japanese have a special committee to investigate electricity and the transmission of control, this will be most interesting, as Dr. Millener is the pioneer in this work. His success in lighting the Auditorium from the government station at Fort Omaha last spring during the electrical show has attracted attention all over the country.

Personnel of the Commission.

There are fifty-eight Japanese in the party, of whom thirty are commissioners, thirteen are private secretaries and six are women. Five of the women accompany their husbands and one, Miss Takamashi, is a niece of Baron Shibusawa, the head of the party. The women dress in their native costumes and have received marked social attentions upon the Pacific coast and in all the eastern and middle western cities thus far visited. The women are the Baroness Shibusawa, Baroness Kato, Madame Miyoshi, Madame Horikoshi, Madame Taki and Miss Takamashi. There are eight members of the Japanese Parliament in the party, one of the House of Peers and seven of the House of Representatives. The two great banking houses of Japan are represented—that of Baron Shibusawa by the baron in person, and that of Mitsu & Co. by Mr. Kikuo Iwahara, his managing director. Six other extensive bankers are also in the party. Nearly every branch of Japanese commerce is represented in the commission, including ownership and management of electric railways, shipbuilding, manufacturing of silk and cotton fabrics, exporting and importing and all species of commerce. The professions of law and medicine are